

REMARKS

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 7, 2000, Applicants hereby elect General Design Genus I b and Form Specifics Species II b. All pending claims are believed to read on the elected subject matter.

Applicants note, however, that as to the species or "general designs" of radial inserts denoted by the Examiner as species Ia-If, it is asserted that only four are shown in the figures. Figures 3A, 4A, 5A, 5B and 18 show a first general design; figures 4B, 6A, 6B and 16 show a second general design; figures 4C, 17, 8A and 8B show a third general design; and figures 7A and 7B show a fourth general design. Therefore, withdrawal of restriction between what is shown in figures 3A, 4A, 5A, 5B and 18 as well as between what is shown in 4C, 17, 8A and 8B is requested.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming the benefit of this application under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

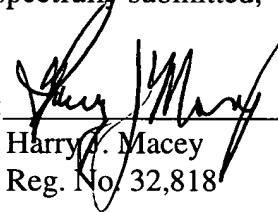
If a telephone interview would advance prosecution of this application, a telephone call to the undersigned will be appreciated.

CONCLUSION

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and/or the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 50-1295**, referencing attorney docket no. **KV-28.21**. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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